

Hannah Hoag

Journalism Experience

Freelance journalist

2003-present

Writes for *Nature*, *New Scientist*, *Discover*, *National Geographic News* (online), *Canadian Geographic*, *Green Living*, *CR Magazine*, *Canadian Medical Association Journal*, *American Archeology*, *Seed*, the *Globe and Mail*, the *Toronto Star*, and *The Gazette* (Montreal), among other publications. Produces radio segments for *Free Radicals*, a weekly program aired on *CKUT*, a Montreal community radio station.

Coverage included:

- Arctic research expedition aboard the *Amundsen* (2008)
- excavation of North America's first French colony (2008)
- AIDS conference, Toronto (2006)
- UN climate change conference, Montreal (2005)

Publications Editor

Ensemble, *EnBref*, McGill University Health Centre, 2004-2005, Montreal, QC

- Managed the hospital's bilingual newspaper and staff newsletter from planning to printing
- Assigned and edited freelance news and features; wrote headlines, captions, teasers

Editorial Intern

Nature, January 2003-June 2003, Washington, DC

- Covered science policy and research stories for *Nature's* weekly news section and the daily online news service

Reporting Intern

Discover, June 2002-August 2002, New York City, NY

- Contributed stories to the magazine and website; fact-checked and edited two departments (Vital Signs and Sky Lights); collaborated with art department

Other Work Experience

- Medical writer/senior medical writer, *IC Axon* (1999-2001)
- Conference publications editor, *International Academy of Law and Mental Health* (summer 2001)
- Laboratory research assistant (gene therapy experiments), Queen's University (1996-1997)

Education

Boston University, Boston, MA - M.Sc. Science & Medical Journalism, 2002

McGill University, Montreal, QC - M.Sc. Biology (Dean's honour list), 1999

Queen's University, Kingston, ON - B.Sc.H. Life Sciences, 1996

Technical Skills

WordPress, Dreamweaver, knowledge of HTML, SoundSlides, Photoshop, familiar with FinalCutPro, photojournalism courses; Minidisc and Marantz digital recorders, Audacity, Audition

Languages

Fluent in English; proficient in French (McGill Certificate of Proficiency)

Other Activities

- Board member (elected), Canadian Science Writers' Association (October 2007-present)
- Science writing mentor, WARM-SPARK, McGill University (August 2007-May 2008)
- Co-founding editor and writer, *Midnight Poutine*, a blog about music, culture and media in Montreal; voted runner-up for best Montreal blog in 2007 (2005-2007)
- Plenary producer, *Society's Challenge from Emerging Science*, 4th World Conference on Science Journalism (2004)
- Member varsity rowing team Queen's University (1994-1996), McGill University (1997-1999)

Honours & Awards

- World Federation of Science Journalism *Amundsen* Competition (2008)
- National Association of Science Writers' Travel Fellowship (2005, 2007)
- 5th World Conference on Science Journalism Travel Scholarship, Melbourne, Australia (2007)
- Marine Biological Laboratory Science Journalism Fellowship (2005)
- CASE Media Fellowship, Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph (2005)
- Knight Scholarship (2001-2002)